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For: *Method And Apparatus For Reducing The Parachuting Of A Probe*

**REPLY**

Director of the U.S. Patent  
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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated May 8, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**In The Drawings:**

Applicant, in response to the objection by the Examiner and for other reasons, submits the attached "Request to Approve Drawing Changes."

**In The Specification:**

Please amend the specification at page 8, lines 3-22, as follows:

In controlling the Z-module, the paraboost module 110 detects oscillation amplitude, phase, and/or other properties of the probe 120. These properties are detected, for example, by